

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF LIFE SAVING DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether drugs especially life saving drugs are being imported;
- (b) if so, the name of the countries and total value of such drugs products imported during each of the last three years till date;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to produce these drugs in the country under its new drug policy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): Import of drugs is governed by the Foreign trade Policy in force and is subject to the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules made there under and also to Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

(b): Import can take place from any part of the world, there is no general restrictions. As per the information available from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, import of medicinal and pharmaceutical products for the last three years have been as under:

Year	Import of medicinal and pharmaceutical products (Rs. Crores)
2001-02	2026.58
2002-03	2865.20
2003-04	2955.63 (Prov.)

(c): Under the existing Drug Policy provisions, Industrial Licensing for all bulk drugs cleared by Drugs Controller (India) and all their intermediates have been abolished except in the cases of bulk drugs produced by the use of re-combinant DNA technology and bulk drugs requiring in-vivo use of nucleic acids as the active principles. Licensing has also been abolished for formulations except in cases of specific cell/tissue targeted formulations. These liberalized provisions have encouraged several companies to set up units in the pharmaceutical sector.